

A WOMAN'S REASON

(Original.)

There was enough of incident concentrated in the wedding day of Dr. Dmitri Urbanieff and Katharine Tonskol, two young Russians of the middle class, for a whole lifetime. Urbanieff had returned from his medical studies in Paris with a light heart, for Katharine was expecting him, and they were to be married soon after his arrival.

He found domesticated in the home of Katharine's father Count Alexieveh, who had some months previous appeared in the village near by and who had brought a letter of introduction to Tonskol. For what he came and how long he proposed to stay he gave no information. Dmitri, when he found the young man so intimate with the family of his sweetheart, was troubled, but he soon made the discovery that Katharine did not like the count, and this reassured him. Why she did not fancy her father's guest was a puzzle, for the doctor could see plainly that the count seemed to desire her favor. When Dmitri asked Katharine for a reason for her prejudice she gave him no better one than that Alexieveh was "cross eyed." Dmitri laughed at this feminine reason and thought no more about the matter.

The morning of the wedding day brought a shock to the community. A dozen persons in the vicinity were arrested, and the most harrowing feature was that the young doctor, who was to have been married in the evening, was among them. The prisoners instead of being given a trial were hurried off to Siberia. Count Alexieveh appeared to be as surprised and indignant as any one and volunteered to start at once for St. Petersburg, where he claimed to have influence, to procure the doctor's release. Dmitri was earnest in his gratitude and begged the count to strain every nerve to free him before it should be too late. Katharine could only cling to her lover, despairing of ever seeing him again.

After her lover's departure she passed a few hours in an agony of despair. Then suddenly a desperate resolve took possession of her. She distrusted the count's promise. Shortly previous to the wedding day he had left her father's house and taken rooms in the village. Katharine ordered a drosky and drove to his rooms. Instead of sending for him to come down she ran upstairs and knocked at his door. She found him walking the floor.

"Why are you not on the way to St. Petersburg?" she asked.

"I was too late for the 10 o'clock train. There is no other till tomorrow."

"There is a train on the other road at 4 this afternoon. You have only to drive five miles to it to catch it."

"Eh? Are you sure? I don't believe there is time."

"There is time. Come. I have a drosky below. I will drive you myself."

The count began to busy himself with preparation, making a great deal of fuss while doing very little. Katharine saw his revolver lying on a table.

"You will need this," she said, taking it up and thrusting it in a pocket of her dress. "Come, we have no time to spare."

Alexieveh, cramming some brushes into a bag, accompanied her downstairs. They got into the drosky. Katharine seized the reins and drove away as fast as the horse would carry them.

As they were passing through a wood Katharine complained that her fingers were numb and asked the count to take the reins. He had no sooner done so than he felt something hard pressed against his neck and heard the click of a pistol.

"Friend," said Katharine, "I know all. You are one of the chiefs of police and have been ferreting out this plot. You have implicated Dmitri to get him out of the way the better to get me into your clutches. I hate you, and I am going to kill you."

"Katharine! For heaven's sake, what are you accusing me of?"

"Write an order for the release of Dmitri or I fire."

"But I have no authority."

"Write."

The count, who had by this time caught a glimpse of the girl's desperate face, took out his notebook, tore out a leaf, wrote the order and gave it to her.

"Drop the reins and get out of the drosky," she said. He obeyed, and Katharine, whipping up the horse, was soon out of sight.

She knew that the route the prisoners had taken was the one she was on, their conductor intending to take them on the train she had proposed to the count to take. She soon overtook the party, produced the order, which was respected, her lover got into the drosky and they drove homeward. When approaching the village they saw the count ahead of them. He was walking with his head bent down on his breast. When they came up to him he looked up as though in a dream. Dmitri got out of the drosky and demanded satisfaction for the wrong that had been done him. The count looked at Katharine with a hopeless expression, asked her to give Dmitri the revolver and bared his breast. Dmitri turned away, got into the drosky and, without a word from him or Katharine to the count, drove on.

At the hour that had been announced for the wedding the bride and groom were ready, and, as the news of Dmitri's release had spread like wildfire, the guests were assembled. The ceremony passed as quietly as had been expected.

When the bride and groom were alone together Dmitri asked:

"Katharine, how did you know the man was the cause of my arrest?"

"I didn't like the squint in his eyes," was her confident reply.

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OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF STATE COMMANDER, KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES OF THE WORLD.

Parkersburg, W. Va.,

April 25, 1904.

Dear Sir Knight:

The State Convention of our Order will be held in Wheeling, W. Va., May 3d, 1904, and will be promptly opened at 10 A. M.

It is expected that the Representatives arrive at Wheeling on the evening of the 2d of May in order to be present at a social meeting on that night and to be present promptly at the opening of the Convention.

Headquarters.

The headquarters of the Convention will be at the McClure Hotel, corner of Market and 12th streets, where the State and Supreme Officers may be seen as well as a number of the representatives.

The Reception Committee will meet all trains and will take pleasure in locating all Representatives and visitors pleasantly, as a large number of good hotels will be at the service of those attending and the delegates will be given choice from the list in possession of the Committee.

Meetings.

The business sessions of the Convention will be held in Room No. 4, I. O. O. F. Temple, corner of 12th and Chapline streets, and it is likely the degree work will be given in the same building.

Railroad Rates.

The B. & O. Railroad will sell tickets to the delegates and visitors at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Orders will reach you by the last of this week. These rates should be thoroughly advertised in your Tent as a number of your members may desire to attend.

Importance of the Meeting.

This will be the most important meeting that West Virginia has ever held as the Order now numbers over 4,000 members in the State, with 70 local Tents. As these State meetings are held Triennially the growth is great between the meetings.

Supreme Officers.

Hon. D. P. Markey, Supreme Commander; Hon. R. E. Moss, M. D., Supreme Medical Examiner and Hon. W. L. DeWolf, M. D., District Medical Examiner, will be present, and it is desired that as many of the Tent examiners as possible attend in order to

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Surplus Funds.

April 1st, 1904.....\$3,325,974.95

Gain in Surplus

during 1903.....\$721,972.77

Members admitted

during 1903.....92,280

We hope we shall see you next week in our State Convention and that you will use your influence to get as many of your members to attend as possible. I beg to remain,

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No. 5.—Wheeling Accommodation..... 7:47 A. M.
No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express. 7:29 P. M.
No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation..... 1:36 P. M.

EAST BOUND.
No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:35 A. M.
No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M.
No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:48 P. M.
No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

F. M. AND P. BRANCH.

ARRIVES.
No. 50.—Pittsburg Accom'n 1:00 P. M.
No. 4.—Pittsburg Accom'n 9:45 P. M.

DEPARTS.
No. 3.—Pittsburg Accom'n 7:50 A. M.
No. 51.—Connellsville Accom'n 2:10 P. M.
No. 69 leaves daily for Morgantown at 9:05 P. M. No. 62 arrives from Morgantown at 6:55 A. M., daily except Sunday; at 8:00 A. M. Sunday only.

MONONGAH DIVISION.

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No. 1.—Arrives at Fairmont 12:10 P. M.
No. 3.—Arrives at Fairmont 7:45 A. M.
No. 2.—Leaves Fairmont... 7:10 A. M.
No. 6.—Leaves Fairmont... 1:53 P. M.
No. 4.—Leaves Fairmont... 9:50 P. M.

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1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
1 Second Prize	1,000.00
2 Prizes—\$500.00 each	1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00 "	1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00 "	1,000.00
20 Prizes—50.00 "	1,000.00
50 Prizes—20.00 "	1,000.00
250 Prizes—10.00 "	2,500.00
1800 Prizes—5.00 "	9,000.00
2139 PRIZES.	TOTAL, \$20,000.00

PRESIDENTIAL VOTE CONTEST

What will be the total Popular Vote cast for President (votes for all candidates combined) at the election November 3, 1904? In 1900, 11,550,581 popular votes were cast for President